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27 in possession—Deduct Dick and Mima over age 25.

From James Graham.

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Charlotte, N. C.,

August 1st, 1849.

Dear Brother

I am here for one day at an Extra Court, having returned from Ten. about ten days since. I came home in good health and remained in Ten. a shorter time than I anticipated in consequence of the Cholera in the West.

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I heard the candidates for Gov. in Ten. address the people and feel sure the present able Gov.²⁵ of that State will be re-elected. The contest for Congress and the State Legislature will be close and warmly contested.

Clingman has no opposition. I was strongly and generally solicited to run against him, and believe, I could have beaten him with much ease, but my business and inclinations did not allow me time and opportunity to go to Congress; and still less, to canvass the District. My former *ultra* Whig opponents were most anxious for me to be a candidate. They now see their folly in supporting Clingman heretofore, and whose crazy course is about to sacrifice

²⁵ Neill S. Brown (1810-1886), governor of Tennessee, 1847-1849, a lawyer, soldier of the Seminole War, a Whig at this time. He was minister to Russia, 1850-1853, and in the latter year was speaker of the lower house of the Tennessee legislature. He became a Democrat, but was a Unionist in 1861. Graham's prediction was not verified, as he was defeated for re-election by William Trousdale.